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EXAMINER'S ANSWER

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This is in response to the appeal brief filed 3/11/03.

(1) *Real Party in Interest*

A statement identifying the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) *Related Appeals and Interferences*

A statement identifying the related appeals and interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the decision in the pending appeal is contained in the brief.

(3) *Status of Claims*

The statement of the status of the claims contained in the brief is correct.

(4) *Status of Amendments After Final*

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

(5) *Summary of Invention*

The summary of invention contained in the brief is correct.

(6) *Issues*

The appellant's statement of the issues in the brief is correct.

(7) *Grouping of Claims*

The appellant's statement in the brief that certain claims do not stand or fall together is not agreed with because all claims are so closely related that they can be grouped in similarity and thus any consideration of separateness is redundant.

(8) *Claims Appealed*

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

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(9) Prior Art of Record

The following is a listing of the prior art of record relied upon in the rejection of claims under appeal.

5,909,668	FUKUMA	6-1999
5,963,913	HENNEUSE et. Al.	10-1999
6,345,260	CUMMINGS, Jr. et. Al.	2-2002
WO0063808	COTTON ET. AL.	10-2000

King, Julia "Agents of Change: Technology Firm Poised to Shake Up Hotel Reservations Systems" Computerworld, (Dec 26, 1995) v30 n 1 pp32 et seq.

"Book-It! Is the Internet Booking Engine of Choice for On-Line Travel Reservations" Datalex, (March 12, 1999)

"Hilton to Develop New Centralized Reservations System" Hilton Press Releases (Oct 27, 1997)

"Extensity Partners with Internet Travel Network" PR Newswire (Aug 3, 1998)

"Marriott Villas Turn to Internet to Offer Travelers One-Stop Shopping" Business Wire (Oct 1, 1998) P1262 et seq.

(10) Grounds of Rejection

1. Claims 37-81 and 85-126 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Fukuma (US Pat. No: 5,909,668) in view of Henneuse (US Pat. No: 5,963,913) in view of Cummings

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(US Pat. No:6,345,260) in view of Booker(Computerworld-7/3/95-v29n27 p.60) in view of Cotton(WO 00/63808) in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99).

2. As per claim 37 Fukuma teaches a software product comprising a website module configured to create a site to enable a user to book a table at a banquet area(Fig 2/10), the module further comprising a time slot display module configured to display one or more available time-slots corresponding to one or more available tables at the banquet area's place of business(Fig 5/10/11/12/13/14/15) and a booking module configured to enable the Internet user to book one of the available time slots to reserve the corresponding available table(col 5 lines 16-31) and a banquet area maintenance module configured to provide the banquet access to the banquet hall's table reservation inventory(Fig 6/13/7/14/3/5), the banquet hall maintenance module further comprising a reservation booking database having a plurality of records, the plurality of records corresponding to the plurality of time-slots for the tables at the banquet hall(Fig 8/811-816) and a table reservation management module configured to enable the banquet hall to book time-slots in the reservation booking database to reserve tables at the hall for customers not making bookings over the Internet(Fig 14)(Fig 15)(Fig 16)(Fig 17).Fukuma teaches the above for banquet halls. Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Marriott, Hilton, King, Datalex and Extensity all teach booking reservations over the Internet(pages 1/(1,2)/(1,2)/2/1) respectively.Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21).

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It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker, in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

3.As per claim 38 Fukoma fails to teach the software product of claim 37, wherein the web site module further comprises an Internet search module configured to locate the banquet hall in response to a search request submitted by the Internet user to locate the banquet hall among a plurality of halls affiliated with the website.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for

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4. As per claim 39 Fukuma fails to teach the software product of claim 37, wherein the time-slot display module of the web site module further comprises a time-slot search module configured to search and display the available time-slots for tables at the banquet hall's place of business during a selected time period as defined by the Internet user. Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network (Abstract) (Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user (Abstract) (Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots (appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet (p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet (Abstract) (page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse (col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment (event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings (col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King (Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton (10/27/97) in view of

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Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton (page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

5. As per claim 40 Fukuma fails to teach the software product of claim 39, wherein the time-slot search module is further configured to search and display the available and not-available time slot-increments for tables accommodating a specific party size as defined by the user. Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract) (page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse (col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to

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6. As per claim 41 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 37, wherein the booking module is further configured to require the user to submit personal information to book one of the available time-slots to reserve the corresponding table at the banquet hall's place of business(col 9 line 51-col 10 line 1)(Fig 13)(Fig 8/803). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability

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7. As per claim 42 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 41, wherein the personal information includes at least one of the following types of information: the Internet user's name(Fig 13) (Fig 8/803/804) the Internet user's email address; the Internet user's mailing address; the Internet user's phone number;the Internet user's credit card information; and the Internet user's password. Fukuma teaches the above for banquet halls.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)

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(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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8. As per claim 43 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 41, wherein the booking module of the web site module is further configured to write the personal information submitted by the Internet user into the reservation booking database of the banquet hall, the personal information being written into the record in the banquet hall's reservation booking database corresponding to the time-slot displayed by the time-slot display module and booked by the Internet user(Fig 14)(Fig 6/14)(Fig 8/803).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have

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9. As per claim 44 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 41, wherein the web site module further comprises a confirmation module configured to generate a confirmation message over the Internet to the Internet user after the personal information has been written to the reservation booking database of the banquet hall to confirm the booking of the selected time-slot(col 11 lines 1-4).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The

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10. As per claim 45 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 37, wherein the module provides for confirmation of a booked banquet hall(col 11 lines 1-4). Fukuma fails to teach a reminder module configured to send a reminder message over the Internet to the Internet user of the booked time-slot for the reserved table at the banquet hall's place of business a predetermined time period prior to the date of the booking.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the

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11. As per claim 46 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 37. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the Internet web site further comprises a link module configured to link to a web page associated with the restaurant.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for

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scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99). and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using

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WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

12. As per claim 47 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 37. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the restaurant maintenance module further comprises a password module configured to accept a unique password to prevent the unauthorized access to the reservation booking database belonging to the restaurant.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled

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in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

13. As per claim 49 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 48, wherein the table reservation management module further comprises a display module configured to permit the banquet hall to display the available and the booked time-slots for the tables at the banquet hall's place of business during a selected time period(col 3 line 58-col 4 line 30)(Fig. 1/1).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The

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motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

14. As per claim 50 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 49, wherein the display module is further configured to display the time-slot inventory of tables at the banquet hall, the booked time-slots and the available time-slots during the selected time period on a computer display(Fig 1/2/3/4). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art

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at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

15. As per claim 51 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 50, wherein the display module is further configured to display the time-slot inventory of tables on a computer display, the time-slot inventory being displayed along a first axis and the time increments for the availability of the tables along a second axis of the computer display(Fig. 5).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications.

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Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable

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an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

16. As per claim 52 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 50, wherein the restaurant display module is further configured to display the banquet hall's booked and available time-slots for tables at the banquet hall in at least one of the following seatings at the banquet hall: a dinner seating(Fig 5/12/13)and a lunch seating.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one

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skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

17.As per claim 53 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 50, wherein the banquet hall display module is further configured to display the bookings of time-slots for tables previously booked at the banquet hall by users through the site module(Fig 5).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour

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appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) in view of Booker and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

18. As per claim 54 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 50, wherein the banquet hall display module is further configured to display the bookings of time-slots for tables previously booked for customers by the banquet hall through the table reservation management module(col 8 lines 51-54)(col 10 lines 37-42)(Fig 8/815/816). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view

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of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line.25-page 2 line 22).

19. As per claim 55 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 50, wherein the time-slots displayed by the banquet hall display module provides pointers to corresponding records among the plurality of records in the reservation booking database of the banquet hall(Fig 9/904)(col 10 lines 14-19).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation

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booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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20. As per claim 56 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 55, wherein the corresponding records contains fields configured to store customer information related to the time-slot booked in the name of the customer(col 9 line 60-col 10 line 13).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in

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view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

21. As per claim 57 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 56, wherein the corresponding records include at least one of the following fields: a name field for storing the name of the customer(Fig 13) a mailing address field for storing the mailing address of the customer; an email address field for storing the email address of the customer; a phone number field for storing the phone number of the customer; a credit card field for storing the credit card information of the customer; and a password field for storing the password information of the customer.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour

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appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

22. As per claim 58 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 55, further comprising a banquet hall data entry module configured to allow the banquet hall to write customer information into one of the records to book an available time-slot in the name of the customer(Fig 17). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to

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combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

23. As per claim 59 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 55, wherein each time-slot displayed by the banquet hall display module is an active link to a second data display that displays the customer information in the record corresponding to a booked time-slot when the booked time-slot is selected by the banquet hall (Fig 8/801/813/817).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a

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network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using

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WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

24. As per claim 60 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 59, wherein the corresponding records contains fields configured to store customer information related to the time-slot booked in the name of the customer(col 9 line 60-col 10 line 13) in any case.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time,booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled

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in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

25.As per claim 61 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 59, wherein the web site module further comprises a confirmation module configured to generate a confirmation message over the Internet to the Internet user after the personal information has been written to the reservation booking database of the banquet hall to confirm the booking of the selected time-slot(col 11 lines 1-4). Fukuma fails to teach arrival confirmation, but does teach opportunity to cancel(11 lines 10-33).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious

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to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

26. As per claim 62 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 48, wherein the table reservation management module further comprises a customer search module to aid the banquet hall in finding one of the time-slots for a table booked in the name of a customer in the reservation booking database(Fig 7/707/709)(Fig 8/816/815/817). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation

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system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

27. The software product of claim 62, wherein the customer search module performs the search using at least one of the following search criteria: date of booking; name of customer who made the booking(Fig 13) email address of the customer who made the booking;

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or telephone number of the customer who made the booking. Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach

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the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

28. As per claim 64 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 37 wherein the web site module further comprises a first cancellation module configured to permit the Internet user to cancel over the Internet a previously booked timeslot for a table booked by the Internet user at the restaurant's place of business(col 11 lines 4-33)(Fig 9).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation

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system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

29. As per claim 65 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 37, wherein the banquet hall maintenance module further comprises a second cancellation module configured to permit the banquet hall to cancel a previously booked time-slot for a table at the restaurant's place of business.(col 11 lines 16-34)(Fig 1/5).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further

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teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

30. As per claim 66 Fukuma teaches the software module of claim 37. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the banquet hall maintenance module further comprises a communication module configured to permit the banquet hall to send communication messages to Internet users over the Internet.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the

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invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

31. As per claim 67 Fukuma teaches the software module of claim 37, wherein the banquet hall maintenance module further comprises a block-out module configured to enable the banquet hall to selectively block-out time-slots in the reservation booking database so that the blocked-out time slots can not be booked(Fig 1/5).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a

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system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet

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user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

32. As per claim 68 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 37. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the web site module is configured to reside on a central computing location coupled to the site.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings

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in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

33. As per claim 69 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 68, wherein the banquet hall maintenance module for the banquet hall, including the reservation booking database and the table reservation management module, are configured to reside on a computer affiliated with the banquet hall(Fig 1/5/7/4/3/6).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated

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by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

34. As per claim 70 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 69. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the restaurant maintenance module is further configured to write reservation updates to the restaurant's reservation booking database over the site to an aggregate database located at a central computing location, the aggregate database containing the reservation booking databases for a plurality of restaurants affiliated with the web site.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view

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of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

35. As per claim 71 Fukuma teaches the software module of claim 68. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the banquet hall maintenance module including a communication module configured to permit the banquet hall to send communication messages to Internet users over the internet.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database

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accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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36. As per claim 70 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 71. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the restaurant maintenance module is further configured to write reservation updates to the restaurant's reservation booking database over the Internet to an aggregate database located at the central computing location, the aggregate database containing the reservation booking databases for a plurality of restaurants affiliated with the web site. Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network (Abstract) (Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user (Abstract) (Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots (appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet (p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet (Abstract) (page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse (col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment (event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings (col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of

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Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

37. As per claim 73 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 71. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the restaurant maintenance module is further configured to write reservation updates to the restaurant's reservation booking database over the Internet to an aggregate database located at the central computing location, the aggregate database containing the reservation booking databases for a plurality of restaurants affiliated with the web site.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an

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asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

38. As per claim 74 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 37. Cotton teaches wherein the web site module further comprising a web page module for the attraction, the web page module configured to post information pertaining to the attraction available over the Internet, the information including at least one of the following: the restaurant's menu; specials offered by the restaurant(page 6 lines 1-4) wines offered by the restaurant; and reviews of the restaurant.

Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the

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Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

39. As per claim 75 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 74. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the restaurant maintenance module further comprises an editing module configured to permit the selected restaurant to edit the restaurant's web page module.Fukuma fails to teach Internet

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communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using

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WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

40.As per claim 76 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 38, wherein the search module is further configured to locate the selected banquet hall based on at least one of the following search criteria: name of the selected banquet hall, location of the selected banquet hall(Fig 1/1); or type of cuisine offered by the selected hall.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one

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skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

41.As per claim 77 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 76, wherein the search module is further configured to locate the selected banquet hall based on at least one of the following search criteria: name of the selected banquet hall, location of the selected banuest hall(Fig 1/1) or type of cuisine offered by the selected hall, or reviews of the restaurant or price range for the restuarant.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach

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applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

42. As per claim 78 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 37, further comprising a table layout display module, the table layout display module further configured to display the layout of tables at the banquet hall's place of business(Fig 5)(col 7 lines 15-57). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the

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43. As per claim 79 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 78, wherein the table layout display module is further configured to display booked tables in a first display mode(Fig 5/Mi/Di) and open tables in a second display mode(Fig 5/0)(col 7 lines 15-57).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a

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network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using

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WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

44. As per claim 80 Fukuma teaches a reservation system comprising a central computing location configured to host a banquet hall module configured to create a table for booking reservations at a plurality of banquet halls, the module further comprising a user module including: a module configured to identify a selected banquet hall in response to a search request submitted by a user to identify the selected banquet hall among a plurality of halls affiliated with the table and a time-slot display module configured to display one or more available time-slots each corresponding to one or more available tables at the selected banquet hall's place of business(Fig 5/10/11/12/13/14/15) a reservation booking database having a plurality of records, the plurality of records corresponding to the plurality of time-slots for the tables at a selected restaurant; and a booking module configured to permit the Internet user to book one of the available time-slots to reserve the corresponding table(col 5 lines 16-31). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious

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to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

45. As per claim 81 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 80. Fukuma fails to teach wherein the central computing location is further configured to cooperate with a local computer located at the selected restaurant, the local computer at the selected restaurant including a table reservation management module configured to permit the selected restaurant to book time-slots in its reservation booking database to reserve tables at the selected restaurant for customers not making bookings over the Internet. Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig

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1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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46. As per claim 85 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 81, wherein the table reservation management module is further configured to permit the banquet hall to manage a substantial portion of its time-slot inventory for table bookings made by both Internet users through the Web site module or by non-Internet users(Fig 8/801-813/817/815/816).

Fukuma fails to teach Internet users in his network.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of

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47. As per claim 86 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 85, wherein the table reservation management module further comprises a display module configured to permit the banquet hall to display the available and the booked time-slots for the tables at the banquet hall's place of business during a selected time period(col 3 line 58-col 4 line 30)(Fig. 1/1).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour

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appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

48.As per claim 87 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 86, wherein the banquet hall display module is further configured to display the bookings of time-slots for tables previously booked at the banquet hall by Internet users through the Web site module(Fig 5).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to

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49. As per claim 88 Fuhuma teaches the software product of claim 86, wherein the banquet hall display module is further configured to display the bookings of time-slots for tables previously booked for customers by the banquet hall through the table reservation management module(col 8 lines 51-54)(col 10 lines 37-42)(Fig 8/815/816).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13).

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Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user (Abstract) (Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots (appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet (p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet (Abstract) (page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse (col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment (event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings (col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and in view of King (Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton (10/27/97) in view of Business Wire (10/1/98) in view of Extensity (8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex (3/12/99) further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton (page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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50. As per claim 89 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 86, wherein the time-slots displayed by the banquet hall display module provides pointers to corresponding records among the plurality of records in the reservation booking database of the banquet hall(Fig 9/904)(col 10 lines 14-19).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation

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to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

51. As per claim 90 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 89, wherein the corresponding record contains fields configured to store customer information related to the time-slot booked in the name of the customer(col 9 line 60-col 10 line 13).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have

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been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

52. As per claim 91 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 90, wherein the corresponding record includes at least one of the following fields: a name field for storing the name of the customer(Fig. 13) a mailing address field for storing the mailing address of the customer; an email address field for storing the email address of the customer; a phone number field for storing the phone number of the customer; a credit card field for storing the credit card information of the customer; and a password field for storing the password information of the customer.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by

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53. As per claim 92 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 90 wherein the corresponding record includes at least one of the following fields: a smoking field to indicate if the customer requires a smoking table a special occasions field to indicate if the customer is celebrating special occasion(Fig 1/2) and a dietary request field to indicate if the customer has a special dietary request.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19)

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for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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54. As per claim 93 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 86, further comprising a banquet hall data entry module configured to allow the selected banquet hall to write customer information into the record corresponding to the selected time-slot to book the selected time-slot in the name of the customer by the selected banquet hall(Fig 13).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view

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55. As per claim 94 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 86, wherein each time-slot displayed by the restaurant display module is an active link to a second data display that displays the customer information in the record corresponding to a booked time-slot when the booked time-slot is selected by the restaurant(Fig 13)/(Fig 17).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col

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56. As per claim 95 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 86, wherein the table reservation management module further comprises a customer search module to aid the selected restaurant in finding a booked time-slot for a table in the reservation booking database of the selected restaurant(Fig 1/5)(col 5 lines 16-30).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an

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57. As per claim 96 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 80, wherein the Internet user module further comprises a cancellation module(col 11 lines 10-34). Fukuma fails to teach Internet users in his network.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the

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58. As per claim 97 Fukuma teaches the software product of claim 81, wherein the table reservation management module further comprises a customer search module to aid the banquet hall in finding

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one of the time-slots for a table booked in the name of a customer in the reservation booking database(Fig 7/707/709)(Fig 8/816/815/817).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The

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59. As per claim 98 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 78, wherein the table layout display module is further configured to display booked tables in a first display mode and open tables in a second display mode(Fig 1/2)(Fig 5/Di/0).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have

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60. As per claim 99 Fukuma teaches a method comprising the steps of providing a first banquet hall reservation booking database having a plurality of records, the plurality of records corresponding to a plurality of time-slots for the tables at the first banquet hall(Fig 1/1/2) and providing a banquet hall table reservation management module configured to enable the first banquet hall to book time-slots in the first reservation booking database to reserve tables at the first banquet hall for customers not making bookings over the Internet(Fig 1/5).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have

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61. As per claim 100 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 99, further comprising the steps of providing the first reservation booking database at the first banquet hall(Fig 1/2).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the

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62. As per claim 102 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 99, further comprising the steps of providing the first reservation booking database at a central computing location(Fig 1).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database

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63. As per claim 104 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 102. Waytena teaches further comprising the steps of aggregating a plurality of reservation booking databases associated with a plurality of restaurants at the central computing location(col 3 lines 3-27).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of

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Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

64. As per claim 105 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 99. Cotton teaches further comprising the steps of maintaining a restaurant related web site(Abstract) affiliating a plurality of restaurants with the web site, and providing the plurality of restaurants a plurality of the reservation booking databases and a plurality of the table reservation management modules.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col

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2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

65. As per claim 106 Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 105. Cummings teaches further comprising the step of providing a search module with the site to enable the user to search for the first restaurant among the plurality of restaurants' affiliated with the web site(Fig 3)(col 8 lines 20-57) utilizing a network. Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server

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application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

66. As per claim 107 Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 99, wherein the step of providing the table reservation management module further comprises the step of enabling the first restaurant to manage a substantial portion of its time-slots for table bookings made by Internet users or for non-Internet users by the first restaurant(Fig 1/2/1)(Fig 13-17)(Fig 8/816).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database

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accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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67. As per claim 108 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 99, wherein the step of providing the table reservation management module further comprises the step of providing a restaurant display module configured to enable the first restaurant to display the available and the booked time-slots for the tables at the first restaurant's place of business during a time period defined by the first restaurant(Fig 5/Di/0).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of

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Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

68. As per claim 109 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 108, wherein the step of providing the restaurant display module further comprises the step of configuring the restaurant display module to display the bookings of time-slots for tables previously booked at the first restaurant(Fig. 5). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col

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2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

69. As per claim 110 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 108, wherein the step of providing the restaurant display module further comprises the step of configuring the restaurant display module to display the bookings of time-slots for tables previously booked for customers by the first restaurant through the reservation table management module(Fig 1/5)(Fig. 5).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to

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combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

70. As per claim 111 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 108, wherein the step of displaying time-slots during the time period defined by the first restaurant further comprises the step of configuring the displayed time-slots as pointers to the corresponding records among the plurality of records in the first reservation booking database(Fig 9/904)(col 10 lines 14-19).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a

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network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using

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WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

71. As per claim 112, Fukuma teaches the method of claim 111, further comprising the step of enabling the first restaurant to write customer information into the records corresponding to the time-slots booked by the first restaurant in the name of customers(Fig 17).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled

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in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

72. As per claim 113 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 111. Waytena teaches further comprising the step of enabling the Internet user to write customer information into the record corresponding to the available one of the time-slots to reserve the corresponding table at the first restaurant(col 3 lines 3-55).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible

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24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

73.As per claim 114 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 111, further comprising the step of configuring the record to be written with customer information to reserve the corresponding time slot in the name of the customer, the record including at least one of the following fields: a name field for storing the name of the customer(Fig 13)(Fig 8/803/804) a mailing address field for storing the mailing address of the customer; an email address field for storing the email address of the customer; a phone number field for storing the phone number of the customer; a credit card field for storing the credit card information, of the customer; and a password field for storing the password information of the customer.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19)

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for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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74. As per claim 115 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 99, further comprising the step of providing a customer search module to aid the first restaurant in finding one of the time-slots booked in the name of a customer(Fig 1/5/3/4/7/6).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of

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Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

75. As per claim 116 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 99, further comprising the step of providing a cancellation module configured to permit the Internet user to cancel a previously booked time-slot for a table booked by the Internet user at the first restaurant's place of business(col 11 lines 10-33).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in

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76. As per claim 117 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 99, further comprising step of providing a table layout display module configured to display the layout of tables at the first banquet hall's place of business.(col 4 lines 9-31).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further

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teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

77. As per claim 118 Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 117, wherein the step of providing the table layout display module further comprises the steps of displaying booked tables in a first display mode and open tables in a second display mode(Fig 5/Di/Mi/0).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the

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invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

78.As per claim 119 Fukuma teaches a software product comprising a first restaurant a reservation booking database having a plurality of records, the plurality of records corresponding to a plurality of time-slots for the tables at the first restaurant(Fig 1/1/2/3/4/5/6/7) and a restaurant table reservation management module configured to enable the first restaurant to book time-slots in the first reservation

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booking database to reserve tables at the first restaurant for customers not making bookings over the Internet(Fig 1/5). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach

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the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

79. As per claim 110 Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 108, wherein the step of providing the restaurant display module further comprises the step of configuring the restaurant display module to display the bookings of time-slots for tables previously booked for customers by the first restaurant through the reservation table management module(Fig 1/5)(Fig. 5).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of

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Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

80. As per claim 111 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 108, wherein the step of displaying time-slots during the time period defined by the first restaurant further comprises the step of configuring the displayed time-slots as pointers to correspond to records among the plurality of records in the first reservation booking database(Fig 9/904)(col 10 lines 14-19). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by

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Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

81. As per claim 112, Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 111, further comprising the step of enabling the first restaurant to write customer information into the records corresponding to the time-slots booked by the first restaurant in the name of customers(Fig 17).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton

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teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

82. As per claim 113 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 111. Henneuse teaches further comprising the step of enabling the Internet user to write customer information into the record corresponding to

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the available one of the time-slots to reserve the corresponding table at the first restaurant through the internet booking module(Fig 2).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation

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to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

83.As per claim 114 Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 111 further comprising the step of configuring the record to be written with customer information to reserve the corresponding time slot in the name of the customer, the record including at least one of the following fields: a name field for storing the name of the customer(Fig 13)(Fig 8/803/804) a mailing address field for storing the mailing address of the customer; an email address field for storing the email address of the customer; a phone number field for storing the phone number of the customer; a credit card field for storing the credit card information, of the customer; and a password field for storing the password information of the customer.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible

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24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

84. As per claim 115 Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 99 further comprising the step of providing a customer search module to aid the first restaurant in finding one of the time-slots booked in the name of a customer(Fig 1/5/3/4/7/6).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system

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for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

85. As per claim 116 Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 99, further comprising the step of providing a cancellation module configured to permit the Internet user to cancel a previously booked time-slot for a table booked by the Internet user at the first restaurant's place of business(col 11 lines 10-33).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19)

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for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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86. As per claim 117 Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 99, further comprising step of providing a table layout display module configured to display the layout of tables at the first banquet hall's place of business.(col 4 lines 9-31).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of

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Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

87. As per claim 118 Fukuma teaches the method according to claim 117, wherein the step of providing the table layout display module further comprises the steps of displaying booked tables in a first display mode and open tables in a second display mode(Fig 5/Di/Mi/0).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of

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Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

88. As per claim 119 Fukuma teaches a software product comprising a first restaurant a reservation booking database having a plurality of records, the plurality of records corresponding to a plurality of time-slots for the tables at the first restaurant(Fig 1/1/2/3/4/5/6/7) and a restaurant table reservation management module configured to enable the first restaurant to book time-slots in the first reservation booking database to reserve tables at the first restaurant for customers not making bookings over the Internet(Fig 1/5). Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server

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application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensivity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

89. As per claim 120 Fukuma teaches a reservation booking database having a plurality of records, the plurality of records corresponding to a plurality of time slots for tables at a restaurant a module means for creating an means to enable a user to book a table at the restaurant(Fig 2/10), the module means further comprising a time-slot display module means for displaying one or more available time slots corresponding to one or more tables at the restaurant's place of business(Fig 5/10/11/12/13/14/15) and a booking module means for enabling the user to book one of the available

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time-slots in the reservation booking database(col 5 lines 16-31), and a restaurant maintenance module means for providing the restaurant access to the restaurant's table reservation booking database means, the restaurant maintenance module further comprising a table reservation management module means for enabling the restaurant to book time slots in the reservation booking database means to reserve tables at the restaurant for customers not making bookings over the Internet(Fig 14)(Fig 15)(Fig 16)(Fig 17).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one

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skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

90. As per claim 121 Fukuma teaches the apparatus of claim 79(col 7 lines 15-57).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the

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invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

91. As per claim 122 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 98(Fig 1/2)(Fig 5/Di/0).

Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1). Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach

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applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

92. As per claim 123 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 118(Fig 5/Di/Mi/0).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that

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assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

93. As per claim 124 Fukuma teaches the apparatus of claim 37 wherein the first display module is configured to be accessible to the Internet using a personal computer.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-

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slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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94. As per claim 125 Fukuma teaches the apparatus of claim 124 wherein the module is configured to be accessible to the network using a computing device coupled to the internet using a wireless device. Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network (Abstract) (Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user (Abstract) (Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots (appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet (p.1). Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet (Abstract) (page 1 line 25-page 2 line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse (col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment (event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings (col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King (Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton (10/27/97) in view of Business Wire (10/1/98) in view of Extensity (8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex (3/12/99) and

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further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

95. As per claim 126 Fuzuma teaches the software product of claim 37, wherein the table reservation management module is further configured to permit the banquet hall to manage a substantial portion of its time-slot inventory for table bookings made by both Internet users through the Web site module or by non-Internet users(Fig 8/801-813/817/815/816).

Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the

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time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99). and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

96. Claims 82-84 and 101,103 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Fukuma(US Pat. No: 5,909,668) in view of Steadham(US Pat. No: 5,634,016) in view of Henneuse(US Pat. No: 5,963,913) in view of Cummings(US Pat. No:6,345,260) in view of Booker(Computerworld-7/3/95-v29n27 p.60) and further in view of Cotton(WO 00/63808) in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99).

97. As per claim 82 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 81, further comprising an update module located at the central computing location(Fig 8/816). Fukuma fails to teach the upgrade module configured to update the second reservation booking database located at the local computer of the selected site when the one of the available time-slots in the reservation booking database of

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the selected banquet hall is selected. Steadham teaches this(col 3 lines 44-57). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to implement the identical methods to restaurants and to combine Fukuma in view Steadham to teach the above. The motivation is to apply these techniques to the dining industry.Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Steadham and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Steadham in view of Booker in view of

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King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

98. As per claim 83 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 82, further comprising an update module located at the central computing location(Fig 8/816). Fukuma fails to teach the upgrade module configured to update the second reservation booking database located at the local computer of the selected restaurant when the Internet user books one of the available time-slots in the reservation booking database of the selected banquet hall. Steadham teaches this(col 3 lines 44-57).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Steadham to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Steadham and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an

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asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Steadham and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Steadham in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

99. As per claim 84 Fukuma teaches the reservation system of claim 82, further comprising an update module located at the central computing location(Fig 8/816). Fukuma fails to teach the upgrade module configured to update the second reservation booking database located at the local computer of the selected site when the one of the available time-slots in the reservation booking database of the selected banquet hall is selected. Steadham teaches this(col 3 lines 44-57).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton

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teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Steadham in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Cummings in view of Steadham in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

100. As per claim 101 Steadham teaches comprising the steps of providing a copy of the first reservation booking database at a central computing location and updating the copy

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of the first reservation booking database when the first banquet hall books time-slots in the first reservation booking database to reserve tables for customers not making bookings over the Internet(col 3 lines 44-57).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Steadham in view of Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker.Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Steadham in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view

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of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

101. As per claim 103 Fukuma teaches the method of claim 102. Steadham teaches the steps of providing a copy of the first reservation booking database at the first restaurant and updating the copy of the first reservation booking database(col 3 lines 44-57).Fukuma fails to teach Internet communications. Henneuse teaches a system for scheduling an event utilizing a network(Abstract)(Fig 1/10/11/15/13). Cummings specifically teaches a reservation booking database accessible by an Internet user(Abstract)(Fig 1/10a,b,c/22/16/23/24/19) for scheduling time-slots(appointments). Booker teaches real-time booking of hotel rooms over the Internet(p.1).Cotton teaches a multi-tiered reservation system specifically for restaurants over the Internet(Abstract)(page 1 line 25-page 2line 21). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse to teach part of the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a computerized system for scheduling an event utilizing a server application that assures accurate availability information is present to schedule the event as enunciated by Henneuse(col 1 line 37-col 2 line 23). Furthermore, it also would have been obvious to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Steadham and further in view of Cummings to further teach applicant's claim. The motivation here to combine is to teach an asynchronous Internet compatible 24 hour appointment(event) scheduling interface for an Internet client user as enunciated by Cummings(col 2 lines 1-29). Additionally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Steadham in view of

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Cummings and further in view of Booker to teach the above. The motivation to combine is to teach a hotel reservation system accessible by Internet users as taught by Booker. Finally, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine Fukuma in view of Henneuse in view of Steadham in view of Cummings in view of Booker in view of King(Computerworld-1/2/96) in view of Hilton(10/27/97) in view of Business Wire(10/1/98) in view of Extensity(8/3/98) and further in view of Datalex(3/12/99) and further in view of Cotton to teach all of the applicant's claim. The motivation to combine is to teach the use of an Internet reservation system with time-slots to enable an Internet user to book a using WEB-based bookings reservations in a restaurant as much as 24 hours a day as enunciated by Cotton(page 1 line 25-page 2 line 22).

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Response to Arguments

102. Applicant fails to directly address the elements of the rejections but suggests viewpoints not supported in the specification. Cited Internet NPL references demonstrate that online reservation systems for hotel, travel, entertainment bookings with accessible databases and accessible appointment systems are old and well known in business practice and predate applicant's disclosure.

Specifically addressing applicant's arguments on pages 11-28 in his Third Supplemental Appeal Brief,

Examiner notes that Fukuma teaches a banquet hall reservation management system where the time slots displays are in Fig 2/10, and Fig 5 and Fig 8/811 and Fig 17. The website display module is taught in Henneuse(Fig 1) as well as in Marriott, Hilton, King, Datalex, Extensity in Internet communications which further teach booking reservations over the Internet as discussed in the Examiner's Answer. Also, a plethora of Applicant's arguments are wrong. Specifically addressing all the bold-faced printed central arguments advanced by Applicant(pages 11-16), Examiner cites that Fukuma teaches reserving individual tables at a restaurant(Fig 8)(Fig 5)(Fig 2/10)(Fig 1/7)(Fig

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6/7).Henneuse teaches allowing invited participants to select a proposed option(Fig 2)(Fig 3)(Fig 4) through scheduling for proposed events(col 1 libne 37-col 2 line 23).Cummings teaches a patient entering a booking into a physician's reservation system(Abstract)(Fig 1/10A/21).The motivation to combine may originate from one skilled in the art, at the time of the invention to advance an economic benefit.All the art cited pertains to all the features of applicant's disclosure and produces an internet based computer reservation booking system for events and services.The remaining pages(16-27) of applicant's arguments are irrelevant as these items are specifically and individually addressed in the 100 paragraphs in the Examiner's Answer as delineated to the contrary.

For the reasons cited above, it is believed that the rejections must be sustained.

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